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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Subject: Waste Management of Spokane, a division of Waste Management of Washington, Inc. (G-237); Tariff # 18

Dear Mr. Killip:

Enclosed are revised pages 2, 22, and 26 to the above-referenced tariff. The main purpose of these tariff revisions is to reflect the change in the commodity credits for residential and multi-family customers receiving recycling collection services. These tariff revisions reflect an decrease in the current commodity charge of \$0.20 to a credit of \$1.98 per month for residential customers and an increase of the rebate of \$0.39 to \$0.62 per yard for multi-family customers.

All changes in the commodity credit are jointly due to the change in commodity values, tonnages, and materials composition since the commodity credit adjustment on August 1, 2023. We are requesting that the proposed effective date of these tariff revisions be August 1, 2024 and will be submitting an LSN with our filing to comply with the regulations.

As a reminder of context, this filing is being submitted at the end of the two-year Revenue Sharing Plan with Spokane County for 2022 - 2024. It is the second adjustment to the commodity credit that has been made during the two-year plan period, and as required by WAC 480-70-351 reflects the change to the commodity rebate due to actual prices and quantities over the past 12 months. In addition, and in accordance with RCW 81.77.185 and the approved Plan, the Company has reflected in this filing the incentive earned and the amount over or under spent on program activities over the past two years.

Furthermore, in accordance with RCW 81.77.185, the recycling commodity credit is also being adjusted to accommodate the new Revenue Sharing Plan with Spokane County for 2024 - 2026, under which the Company is authorized to retain up to 50% of recycling commodity revenues to be spent on program activities. The 2024 - 2026 Revenue Sharing Plan with Spokane County that is expected to be certified by County officials on July 16th, will be submitted shortly thereafter, and will include the budget for anticipated revenues and expenditures and narrative explanations of how the recycling revenue retained will be used to increase recycling. The County will be separately filing their Plan certification, as well as an analysis of the Company's performance supporting the incentives earned under the 2022-2024 Plan. Enclosed for your review are our accounting work papers. Customers will be notified of the change in their commodity credit adjustment on their next regularly scheduled billing after the approval of the Commission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (503) 956-8594.

Very truly yours,

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